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SUBJECT: SHARON ON UNPUBLICIZED WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

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1. I SAW EVRON EARLY SEPTEMBER 9 TO SEEK CLARIFICATION ON THE SHARON STATEMENT IN MAARIV. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY PAINED AND SEEMINGLY BAFFLED. HE TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAD CALLED THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION HIMSELF AND THE RESPONSE HAD BEEN: "THOSE SETTLEMENTS MUST BE SO SECRET THAT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE." HE AGAIN REITERATED STATEMENT DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN GIVEN BY ISRAELI EMBASSY (PARA 1 REFTEL)

2. WHEN I PRESSED HIM FOR SOMETHING MORE USEFUL WHICH WE COULD USE IN RESPONDING TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES, HE FINALLY AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO DAYAN THAT WE COULD SAY "WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THAT NO SUCH SECRET SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED." HOWEVER, AFTER TALKING TO DAYAN LATER IN MORNING HE SAID THAT WE SHOULD STICK TO THE MORE NEUTRAL FORMULATION: "WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE PRESS REPORT WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND ON THE BASIS OF THAT DISCUSSION ARE SATISFIED THAT NO COMMENT IS NECESSARY."
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3. I AM JUST LEAVING FOR LUNCH WITH DAYAN AND WILL PRESS HIM FURTHER, BUT IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT SHARON'S REPEATED AND DRAMATIC DISCUSSION ALMOST DAILY OF ALLEGED SETTLEMENT PLANS IS AN ACUTE EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT WITH WHICH DAYAN, AT LEAST, DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO COPE. I THINK WE SHOULD SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE PUBLICLY

IN THIS SITUATION ABOUT ANY PRESS STORIES AND RELY ON
THE PRIME MINISTER'S ASSURANCES WHICH HAVE
BEEN REPEATED AND CATEGORIC.
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